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NO MASK, NO FLIGHT RULE IN PLACE AFTER DELHI HC FIAT

As per the latest DGCA guidelines, any passenger refusing to wear a mask must be de-boarded before departure

VIOLATORS MAY BE BRANDED UNRULY, FACE BAN

People refusing to wear a mask or follow Covid-19 protocol inside a flight once it has taken off could be branded as "unruly passengers" and barred from flying again for a certain period of time. Besides, security personnel deployed at the entrance of the airport must ensure that no one is allowed to enter the premises without wearing a mask

AIRPORTS MUST STEP UP SURVEILLANCE

- Additionally, airport operators must increase surveillance and levy fines on passengers without a face masks on terminals
- The aviation regulator's circular followed a Delhi High Court order of June 3, demanding strict action against passengers who violate the masking and hygiene norms

41%

RISE IN NEW COVID-19 CASES IN INDIA ON WEDNESDAY

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EXPRESS IMPACT

The pothole-ridden Bengaluru-Mysuru Road near the NICE Junction was fixed within 24 hours of The New Indian Express tweeting a video of traffic meandering through the potholes on the road that resembled the lunar surface with meteorites-hit pockmarks. After TNIE photojournalist **Shriram BN's** Tuesday afternoon video of the bad stretch went viral on social media, scoring well over 3 lakh views and comments, a revisit to the stretch on Wednesday afternoon showed JCBs and road rollers at work mending the road and filling up potholes.

EMIs set to rise further as RBI increases lending rate

Raises its inflation forecast to 6.7% by the end of this financial year

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HOME and consumer loans are set to become costlier with the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) on Wednesday raising the key repo rate — the rate at which it lends to commercial banks — by 50 basis points (bps) to 4.9% to rein in inflation. It also changed its stance to "withdrawal of accommodation" from "remaining accommodative" to give greater clarity to markets on its future actions.

The repo rate hike comes on the heels of a 40 bps off-turn increase last month to 4.4% amid retail price inflation surging to an eight-year high of 7.79% in April. While raising its inflation forecast to 6.7% for FY23 from 5.7% in April, the RBI kept its growth projection for the year unchanged at 7.2%.

Governor Shaktikanta Das said 75% of the increase in the forecast compared to April (5.7%) was attributable to food inflation. "The main reason for the revision is the war in Europe, apart from secondary factors like tomato price rise and electricity tariffs being raised across states," he said. Analysts expect the central bank to further increase the repo rate by 60-90 basis points given the fact that it revised the FY23 inflation estimates upwards by 100 basis points.

He attributed the RBI's retention of 7.2% growth projection to forecast of a normal southwest monsoon.

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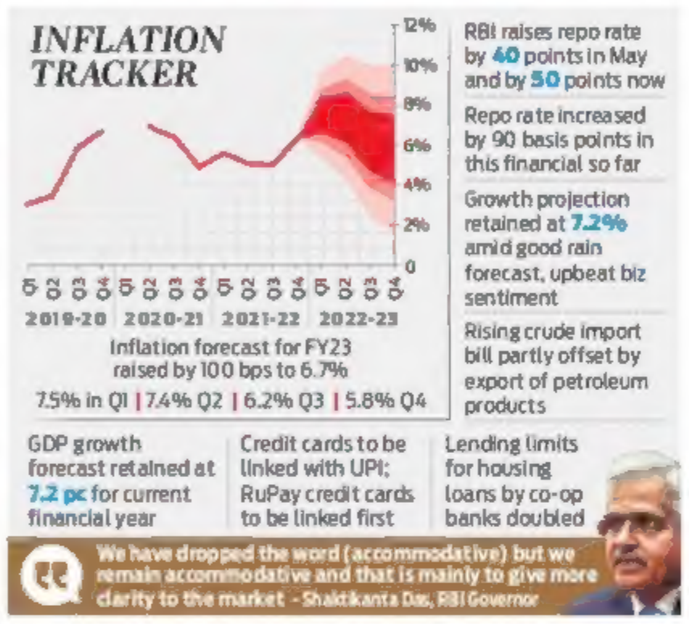
INFLATION TRACKER
12%
10%
8%
6%
4%
2%
0
2019-20
2020-21
2021-22
2022-23
Inflation forecast for FY23 raised by 100 bps to 6.7%
7.5% in Q1 | 7.4% Q2 | 6.2% Q3 | 5.8% Q4
RBI raises repo rate by 40 points in May and by 50 points now
Repo rate increased by 90 basis points in this financial so far
Growth projection retained at 7.2% amid good rain forecast, upbeat biz sentiment
Rising crude import bill partly offset by export of petroleum products
GDP growth forecast retained at 7.2 pc for current financial year
Credit cards to be linked with UPI; RuPay credit cards to be linked first
Lending limits for housing loans by co-op banks doubled
We have dropped the word (accommodative) but we remain accommodative and that is mainly to give more clarity to the market - Shaktikanta Das, RBI Governor

RBI PROPOSES TO LINK CREDIT CARDS WITH UPI

Bengaluru: With an aim to give a boost to UPI (United Payments Interface) platform and digital payments, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday proposed to allow linking of credit cards on the UPI platform. At present, UPI facilitates transactions by linking savings or current accounts through users' debit cards.

KARNATAKA	JUNE 7	JUNE 8
Fresh cases	3,674	5,239
Recoveries	2,513	3,345
Deaths	7	7

MAHARASHTRA	JUNE 7	JUNE 8
Fresh cases	368	376
Recoveries	311	231
Deaths	0	0

US GEN: CHINA'S LAC INFRA BUILD-UP ALARMING

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SHARING his worry at the way China is ramping up infrastructure in its Western Theatre Command, US General Charles A Flynn on Wednesday called it alarming. Describing the overall behaviour of the Chinese Communist Party and People's Republic of China as "destabilising and coercive", General Flynn urged like-minded countries and allies to work together to balance it. The Western Theatre Command of China manages the border with India.

General Flynn, Commander of US Army Pacific said, "I believe that the activity level is eye-opening. I think some of the infrastructure that is being created in the Western Theatre Command is alarming... much like across all of their military arsenal, one has to ask the question, why?"

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Mithali retires, a legacy to last forever...

GOMESH S @Chennai

IN the world of Indian cricket, the first name is king. Kapil. Sachin. Rahul. Virat. Anil. It was this world, this glass ceiling, that Mithali shattered a good decade ago. She was a godsend to young Indian girls that had long been conditioned to think cricket was something they watched on television. She occupied the space fit for a queen. When former India skipper Mithali Raj announced her retirement, she said, "I feel now is the perfect time to call curtains on my playing career as the team is in the capable hands of some very talented young players."

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EXPRESS READ

Pay ₹200-250 toll on B'luru-Mys Corridor

Motorists, be prepared. Even as the Bengaluru-Mysuru Express Corridor is expected to be completed in Oct. 2022, it is not going to be without a price. Motorists will have to pay toll fee between ₹200 and ₹250 at two places.

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